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1. PLENARY. GENERAL STATEMENTS CONCLUDED 15 JULY WITH TOTAL OF 115 STATES, OBSERVERS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES HAVING SPOKEN. OF THE 23 STATEMENTS GIVEN 12 AND 14 JULY, MOST NOTEWORTHY WERE:
(A) SPAIN WHICH STRONGLY PRESSED ARGUMENTS FOR INNOCENT PASSAGE IN STRAITS COVERED BY TERRITORIAL SEA. AMB GONI STATED NO OBJECTION TO INCLUDING PROVISION IN CONVENTION ESTABLISHING PRESUMPTION THAT PASSAGE OF FOREIGN MERCHANT SHIPS IS INNOCENT. HE SAID THIS PROVISION TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF NONSUSPENSION OF PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS AND NONDISCRIMINATION TOWARDS FLAGS OR CARGOES, WHATEVER ORIGIN OR DESTINATION, ENSURES REGIME OF UNIMPEDED INNOCENT PASSAGE FOR MERCHANT

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VESSELS. WITH RESPECT TO WARDSHIPS AND AIRCRAFT SPAIN OPPOSES SUBMERGED

TRANSIT AND OVERFLIGHT. SUBMARINES WOULD REQUIRE CONSENT OR NOTICE FOR SURFACE TRANSIT. SPAIN MADE SHARP ATTACK ON THOSE COUNTRIES URGING FREE TRANSIT TO ACHIEVE THEIR STRATEGIC AND MILITARY GOALS.

(B) JAPAN. AMB OGISO URGED CONFERENCE TO FIND REASONABLE SOLUTION FOR AN UNAMBIGUOUS DEFINITION OF ARCHIPELAGOES TO PROTECT NAVIGATION INTERESTS AND OTHER CONVENTIONAL USES. ON STRAITS OGISO URGED FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION TO MAXIMUM EXTENT BUT ACKNOWLEDGED NEED TO CONSIDER LEGITIMATE COASTAL STATE CONCERNS REGARDING POLLUTION, SAFETY, AND SECURITY.

(C) INDONESIA. MINISTER MOCHTAR MADE MAJOR POLICY ADDRESS ON ARCHIPELAGOES THAT INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER OBJECTIVE DEFINITION FOR ARCHIPELAGO. ON ARCHIPELAGIC PASSAGE, MOCHTAR INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR SEPARATE REGIMES COVERING MERCHANT SHIPPING AND MILITARY VESSELS RATHER THAN A SINGLE UNIMPEDED ARCHIPELAGIC PASSAGE REGIME. FINALLY, HE REITERATED INDONESIAN SUPPORT FOR SOME TYPE OF INNOCENT PASSAGE, PERHAPS REDEFINED AND OBJECTIVIZED, IN STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION.

(D) UNCTAD. G.D. ARSENIS ADVOCATED FIRM ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE OF SEABED MINING TO ENSURE LDC METAL PRODUCERS ARE PROTECTED FROM ECONOMIC LOSS WHICH, ACCORDING TO UNCTAD STUDIES, IS INEVITABLE WITH NORMAL COMMERCIAL CRITERIA. UNCTAD SUGGESTS EITHER SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION OR CONTROL OF PRODUCTION, DISPOSAL ON PRICES.

2. COMMITTEE I. FOUR MEETINGS OF C-1 HELD JULY 12, 15, AND 16 CONTINUED GENERAL DEBATE ON INTERNATIONAL REGIME AND MACHINERY. FOLLOWING TRENDS HAVE BEEN EVIDENT IN STATEMENTS DELIVERED: (A) RECOGNITION THAT SOME PROVISION FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXPLOITATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN CONVENTION; (B) SOMEWHAT LESS IDEOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR ENTERPRISE, COUPLED WITH SEVERAL PROPOSALS FOR EXPLOITATION SYSTEM WHICH COMBINE EITHER SIMULTANEOUSLY OR IN PHASES LICENSING AND DIRECT EXPLOITATION SYSTEMS; (C) PRESSURE BY LATINS FOR EXPANDING REGIME TO COVER LIVING AND NONLIVING RESOURCES IN SUPERJACENT WATERS; (D) WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES IN DEEP SEABED REGIME; (E) GENERALIZED LDC UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORT FOR MECHANISMS TO PREVENT ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FROM SEABED MINING FOR LDC PRODUCERS.

3. COMMITTEE II. C-11 MET TWICE ON JULY 16 TO HEAR MORE STATEMENTS ON ITEM 2--TERRITORIAL SEA. MEETING ADJOURNED WITHOUT EXHAUSTING LIST OF SPEAKERS. THERE APPEARED TO BE TWO MAIN TRENDS--THOSE FAVORING TRADITIONAL TERRITORIAL SEA EXTENDING OUT TO 12-MILES AND THOSE FAVORING PLURALITY OF REGIMES EXTENDING OUT TO 200-MILES BUT

WITH FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION BEYOND 12-MILES.

4. COMMITTEE III. C-111 DID NOT MEET ON JULY 12. ON JULY 15, IT HAD ITS FIRST DAY OF GENERAL DEBATE, IN WHICH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT WAS DENMARK'S ANNOUNCED SHIFT TO COASTAL STATE ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MARINE POLLUTION STANDARDS IN A ZONE OF UNSPECIFIED BREADTH. CHAIRMANSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WORKING GROUP REMAINED UNDECIDED BUT INDICATIONS WERE THAT FRG REP MIGHT BE SELECTED. IF FRG REP IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO LDC'S, C-111 CHAIRMAN YANKOV PLANS TO CHAIR GROUP.
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